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STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Workers' Compensation Reform

Today, Governor Davis signed a Worker's Compensation reform package at a ceremony in Los Angeles. Included in the package were **County-supported AB 227** (Vargas) and SB 228 (Alarcon). As we previously reported, the reforms contained in AB 227 and SB 228 are estimated to result in an initial County savings of \$22.2 million per year, and additional future savings of \$5 million annually.

Megan's Law Extension

County-supported AB 1313 (Parra), which would extend the provisions of Megan's Law from January 1, 2004 to January 1, 2007 and authorize campus police to distribute Megan's Law information to the campus community, passed the Assembly on September 29, 2003 by a vote of 78 to 0. The bill now goes to the Governor for his action. To avoid a loss of \$5.1 million in Federal funding, the Governor needs to sign this bill by October 1, 2003.

Status of County-Interest Legislation

County-supported AB 1479 (Chu), which would continue the court's control over the monitoring of traffic violator school program, was signed by the Governor on September 25, 2003, and will become effective on January 1, 2004.

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County-supported AB 1738 (Assembly Committee on Health), which would lower the hot holding temperature requirement for the retail food industry from 140 degrees Fahrenheit to 135 degrees Fahrenheit, was signed by the Governor on September 22, 2003, and will become effective on January 1, 2004.

County-supported SB 186 (Murray) which would prohibit the initiating of, or advertising in, unsolicited commercial e-mail, and authorize a recipient, internet service provider, or the Attorney General to recover damages was signed by the Governor on September 23, 2003. The law becomes effective January 1, 2004.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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